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General Comment

The Federal Drug and Food Association is proposing to adopt new regulations of foreign supplier programs. The Foreign Supplier Verification Programs for Importers of Food for Humans and Animals rule would ensure that all food is packaged and sealed correctly. This is to make sure to eliminate all risk-based diseases and prevent expired food from being distributed. We want to regulate the time span on all imported food to match the standards of the United States. This would fall under the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). By creating this rule, they hope that all diseases and other illnesses will not affect the product, this allows them to correctly label the products so they are not misinterpreted. Society's take on this bill rarely differs. Most are in favor of the bill because not only does it affect the people living within, it also affects stores and retailers. Thai gives them more of a competitive advantage because they can sell more items and they are ensured that their items are safe. This new bill also creates 100's of jobs for people being the "checkers" this would be great for our economic market. This could vastly make a difference in people buying more and more products that they usually would not bat an eye at. This is also great for the public safety aspect because it could possibly eliminate harmful diseases or other illnesses. One more thing I want to mention is that it puts everyone at ease. Knowing that you are getting quality food (up to America's standards) is better than being unsure about what you are personally consuming.

Let's start with the basics; personally, I believe this law should take place but with modifications. I think the law needs to clearly state how often the food will be checked, I think it also needs to be separated from the other foods, and lastly we definitely need a price estimate on how much money is going to be coming out of our pockets. This is to ensure peace of mind to everyone and create a way so that we as a whole can expect what will be added costs for us. Adding modifiers to this bill will ensure safety.

